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Environmental Note to Correspondents: Super Fund Site Groundbreaking

Denver -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 8 will host a groundbreaking event to mark the beginning of cleanup work at the Vasquez Boulevard and Interstate 70 (VB/I-70) Superfund Site. The work involves removing and replacing yards at 141 residences in northeast Denver due to elevated levels of lead and/or arsenic in the soil at those homes. The work is scheduled to begin in mid-August and marks the culmination of nearly four years of investigation. EPA is making a final clean up decision for this project in September. EPA's preferred clean up will require soil removal at more than 850 homes in the neighborhoods of Clayton, Cole, Swansea, Elyria, southwest Globeville, and possibly parts of Curtis Park. The project is expected to take three to four years to complete at a total cost of \$31 million. EPA recently allocated \$3.5 million to the VB/I-70 Superfund Site to begin this cleanup project this summer.

WHO: Robbie Roberts, EPA Regional Administrator, U.S. Rep. Diana DeGette, various congressional representatives, elected officials, EPA staff, State of Colorado and City of Denver representatives and community leaders.

WHAT: Event to announce that \$3.5 million has been received and soil cleanup work is beginning at the VB/I-70 Superfund Site.

WHEN: Wednesday, August 6, 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: Shafer Park, 37th and Columbine Streets in Denver (just east of 37th and York, behind Harrington Elementary School).

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